

## **Weekly Update September 13, 2021**

The Select Board and School Committee will meet in joint session at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 15 at the Senior Center to fill the vacant seat on the School Committee. The meeting is open to the public. It will be carried on Facebook Live and will be recorded and available the next day on You Tube.

Town Administrator Jim Boudreau said water main work on Old Oaken Bucket Road is wrapping up with individual service connections. Once completed, the entire length of the roadway will be paved.

The next phase of the water main project is Brook Street to Tilden Road. After that some smaller streets with two-inch mains will be tackled.

Water demand in town is down to 1.306 million gallons a day from 1.317 the previous week. Levels of manganese are slowly dropping. However, the levels have not dropped enough to stop the discoloration in the water.

The level of the reservoir has been purposely lowered to allow for additional capacity in anticipation of storms.

Residents either have or will receive notice of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) in Scituate drinking water. TTHMs are a byproduct related to the disinfection process.

Boudreau said, as of Friday, there were 9 new Covid cases over the past week, down from 29 the previous week. Updated numbers will be available soon. The town's 14-day positivity rate is 2.52 percent down from 2.83 percent.

There are no plans to enact a mask mandate in public buildings in Scituate at this time. If numbers should jump, the Board of Health would meet to consider options.

Residents are encouraged to get Covid vaccinations to prevent serious illness.

Curbing for the sidewalk along First Parish Road from Country Way to the Senior Center has been installed. Once new paving is complete, the town will step up traffic enforcement as drivers then to speed up on newly paved roads.

The PJ Steverman in-line skating rink boards are up. Final installation of the surface is delayed due to supply issues.

The lunch program at the new Senior Center is a huge success with as many and 90 seniors participating. Lunches for \$5 are available Monday through Thursday. Please call 781-545-8722 and press 0 for the front desk to make a reservation.

Cedar Point roadways are going to be pulverized before being paved. That work should be completed this month.

Supt. of Schools Bill Burkhead said the schools reported zero Covid cases during the first three days of school last week.

The school department will continue to monitor and respond to health and safety protocols. There is a strong health and safety plan in place. Visit: [scituate.k12.ma.us](https://scituate.k12.ma.us) for more details.

The website includes a Covid page and should be a one-stop-shop for families. Residents can also signup for emails blasts and Thursday Thoughts. There are going to be two more testing protocols in the schools.

A record of 400 students at SHS are participating in school sports. The first football game on Friday included moving tributes to 9/11.